

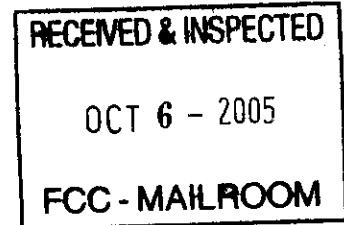
COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Finance

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October 4, 2005

CC Docket No. 02-6
FCC
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554



To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby file an appeal of the decision made by the Universal Service Administrative Company, Schools & Libraries Division to disallow the form 471 application for Colleton County School District for Funding Year 2005.

BEN - 127187
Form 471 application number - 455022

The Schools & Libraries decision letter stated that my 471 application was classified as "Postmarked Outside Of Window" because the Form 471 Certification was postmarked on 02/23/2005. I electronically filed the Form 471 on 02/16/05, two days before the deadline.

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I filed an appeal with the Schools & Libraries Division which was denied. I have enclosed correspondence my office has had with the Schools & Libraries Division concerning this claim.

I am requesting that Form 471 application number 455022 be approved. The Block 6 Form 471 Certification was filed late due to misleading instructions I received from the SDAC website.

If you have any questions please call me at 843-549-5715 ext 238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Saunders".

William Saunders, CPA
Director of Finance

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P. O. Box 290 Walterboro, SC 29488

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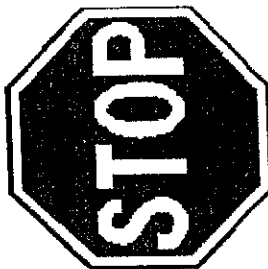
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FCC Form 471

Services Ordered and Certification Form



Applicant's Form Identifier: YEAR8PHONE Entity Number: 127187
Contact Person: WILLIAM SAUNDERS Phone Number: (843) 549-5715 Ext. 238



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Applicant's Form Identifier YEAR8PHONE

Phone Number 843 549-5715 Ext.238

24 ☒ I certify that the entities listed in Block 4 of this application are eligible for support because they are: (Check one or both.)

- a ☒ schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 7801(18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
- b ☐ libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any schools, including, but not limited to, elementary, secondary schools, colleges, or universities.
- 25 ☒ I certify that the entity I represent or the entities listed on this application have secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that the entities I represent or the entities listed on this application have secured access to all of the resources to pay the discounted charges for eligible services from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year. I certify that the Billed Entity will pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the goods and services to the service provider(s).

a	Total funding year pre-discount amount on this Form 471 (Add the entries from Items 23l on all Block 5 Discount Funding Requests.)	90517.44
b	Total funding commitment request amount on this Form 471 (Add the entries from Items 23K on all Block 5 Discount Funding Requests.)	73304.06
c	Total applicant non-discount share (Subtract Item 25b from Item 25a.)	17213.38
d	Total budgeted amount allocated to resources not eligible for E-rate support	5000.00
e	Total amount necessary for the applicant to pay the non-discount share of the services requested on this application AND to secure access to the resources necessary to make effective use of the discounts. (Add Items 25c and 25d.)	22213.38
f	<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are receiving any of the funds in Item 25e directly from a service provider listed on any of the Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year, or if a service provider listed on any of the Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year assisted you in locating funds in Item 25e.	

- 26 ☒ I certify that all of the schools and libraries or library consortia listed in Block 4 of this application are covered by technology plans that are written, that cover all 12 months of the funding year, and that have been or will be approved by a state or other authorized body, and an SLD-certified technology plan approver, prior to the commencement of service. The plans were written at the following level(s):
- a ☐ an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or
- b ☐ higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or
- c ☒ no technology plan needed; applying for basic local and long distance telephone service only.
- 27 ☒ I certify that I posted my Form 470 and (if applicable) made my RFP available for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted were carefully considered and the most cost-effective service offering was selected, with price being the primary factor considered, and is the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology plan goals.
- 28 ☒ I certify that the entity responsible for selecting the service provider(s) has reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that the entity or entities listed on this application have complied with them.
- 29 ☒ I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.500(k). Additionally, I certify that the Billed Entity has not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment requested under this form, from the service provider(s), or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.
- 30 ☒ I certify that I and the entity(ies) I represent have complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. There are signed contracts covering all of the services listed on this Form 471 except for those services provided under non-contracted tariffed or month-to-month arrangements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.



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Application ID : 455022

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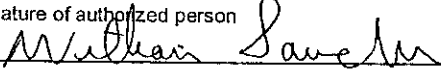
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Contact Person WILLIAM SAUNDERS

Phone Number 843 549-5715 Ext.238

- 31 ☒ I acknowledge that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
- 32 ☒ I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to the Administrator. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- 33 ☒ I certify that I am authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this request, that all of the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that are receiving discounts pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
- 34 ☒ I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities listed on this application, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or the entities listed on this application, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism.
- 35 ☒ I certify that if any of the Funding Requests on this Form 471 are for discounts for products or services that contain both eligible and ineligible components, that I have allocated the cost of the contract to eligible and ineligible components as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.504(g)(1), (2).
- 36 ☒ I certify that this funding request does not constitute a request for internal connections services, except basic maintenance services, in violation of the Commission requirement that eligible entities are not eligible for such support more than twice every five funding years beginning with Funding Year 2005 as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.506(c).
- 37 ☒ I certify that the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider. The pre-discount costs of eligible services featured on this Form 471 are net of any rebates or discounts offered by the service provider. I acknowledge that, for the purpose of this rule, the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.

38	Signature of authorized person 		39	Date 02/16/2005
40	Printed name of authorized person W I L L I A M S A U N D E R S			
41	Title or position of authorized person D I R E C T O R O F F I N A N C E			
42a	Street Address, P.O. Box, or Route Number 2 1 3 J E F F E R I E S B L V D			
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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

August 17, 2005

William Saunders, CPA
Colleton County School District
P.O. Box 290
Walterboro, SC 29488

Re: Applicant Name: COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST
Billed Entity Number: 127187
Form 471 Application Number: 455022
Funding Request Number(s): 1255439, 1255459, 1255589, 1255611, 1258213,
1258249, 1258285, 1258325, 1258345, 1258361,
1258412, 1258427, 1258445, 1258462, 1258476,
1258502, 1258520, 1314578
Your Correspondence Dated: May 02, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Certification Postmarked Outside of Window Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

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Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- On appeal, you seek reversal of the SLD's decision to certify the Form 471 outside the Funding Year 2005 filing window. In support of your request, you state that the Form 471 Certification was filed late due to misleading instructions that you received from the USAC website.

- Upon review of the appeal letter, the relevant facts and documentation, it has been determined that your Form 471 Certification was postmarked on February 23, 2005, which is outside Funding Year 2005 filing window. The Form 471 Minimum Processing Standards and Filing Requirements clearly states that the Block 6 Certification must be completed and postmarked prior to the close of the filing window for the Funding Year. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all Forms are submitted to the SLD in a correct and timely manner.
- SLD denied your funding request(s) because it determined that your Form 471 Certification was not postmarked on or before the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005. In order to be considered within the filing window, both the application and the certification must be completed. You have failed to demonstrate that the Form 471 Certification was postmarked on or before February 18, 2005. Consequently, your appeal is denied.
- The FCC requires all parts of an application to be postmarked by the final date of the filing window for the relevant funding year for the application to be treated as having been filed within the filing window. *See Request for Review by Alpine County Unified School District, et . al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 ¶¶ 2 and 4. (rel. Jan. 14, 2002). This includes the Form 470 Certification, the Form 471 application, and the Form 471 Certification.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Finance

May 2, 2005

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby file an appeal of the decision indicated in your letter dated 04/26/05. A copy of your "Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Certification Postmarked Outside of Window" decision letter is attached.

Appellant name – William Saunders
Applicant name – Colleton County School District
BEN – 127187
Form 471 application number – 455022

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Sincerely,



William Saunders, CPA
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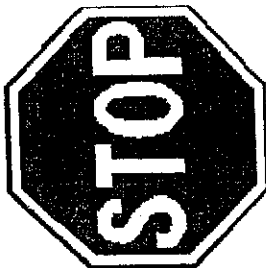
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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FUNDING YEAR 2005 FORM 471 CERTIFICATION
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW

April 26, 2005

WILLIAM SAUNDERS
COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST
213 JEFFERIES BLVD
WALTERBORO, SC 29488

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: YEAR8PHONE
Form 471 Application Number: 455022

Dear WILLIAM SAUNDERS:

We are sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 Certification was postmarked on 02/23/2005, which is AFTER the 2005-2006

filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 18, 2005.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the SLD section of the USAC web site at www.sl.universalservice.org once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of 2005-2006 applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for the 2006-2007 application process, please visit our web site or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal the decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name,
 - BEN,
 - Application number as assigned by the SLD,
 - Name of the letter and funding year (both are located at the top of the letter),AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant affected by the SLD's decision.

5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on the web site. Click "continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

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